

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Environmental Protection Commission**

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DECISION

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Contract - University of Iowa Hygienic Laboratory for Staff Support

The Department requests Commission approval of a contract for the amount of \$293,706 with the University of Iowa Hygienic Laboratory for staff support.

The purpose of this contract is to provide professional staff support to three programs within the Department of Natural Resources. One staff position will assist the Watershed Monitoring and Assessment Section in the volunteer water quality monitoring program by assisting with workshops, snapshots, and related work. This position will also assist the TMDL program with collection of field samples and data analysis. Three positions will be located in the Geographic Information Section to provide on-going support for activities related to watershed planning and assessment required under the legislatively mandated watershed initiative program. One staff position will be located in the Communication Bureau to assist with REAP assemblies, the HUSH program, and the Nature Store.

Funding for this contract comes from state water monitoring funds and Geographic Information Systems funds appropriated under the Environment First Infrastructure Fund, Federal EPA 319 funds, and REAP funds.

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